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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Herbert PEIFFER et al.

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For: TRANSPARENT POLYESTER FILM WITH HIGH OXYGEN BARRIER
AND ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONALITY, ITS USE AND PROCESS FOR ITS
PRODUCTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231
Sir:

Amendment

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated February 1, 2001. The attached Petition for Extension of Time extends the period for response by one month to June 1, 2001. Please reconsider this application in light of the following amendment and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

15. (Amended) A transparent, biaxially oriented polyester film comprising:

(A) a base layer, at least 80% by weight of which is composed of a thermoplastic polyester; and

(B) at least one outer layer, wherein the outer layer is composed of a polymer, or of a mixture of polymers comprising: 5 to 40% by weight of ethylene 2,6-naphthalate units; more than 40% by weight of ethylene terephthalate units, and 0 to < 55% by weight of units from aliphatic diols, cycloaliphatic diols, aromatic diols, aliphatic dicarboxylic acids, cycloaliphatic dicarboxylic acids, aromatic dicarboxylic acids, or a combination thereof,

wherein the glass transition temperature (T_g 2 value) of the polyester film is above the T_g 2 value of the base layer but below the T_g 2 value of the outer layer, and at least one film surface has a surface tension of from 35 to 65 mN/m or has been provided with a functional coating of thickness from 5 to 100 nm or both.

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